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House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
HJ-306 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hoyer,

I am writing in support of HR 4585, the Full Service Community Schools Act of 2005

Here at the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities we have seen first hand the benefits of planning and building school facilities for community use.

Last year, with the Coalition for Community Schools, we published *Schools as Centers of Community: A Citizen's Guide for Planning and Design*. This 70-page publication discusses in detail the process for involving communities in the planning, design, and use of local school facilities.

Our related publications include:

- *Schools Designed with Community Participation*
- *Catching the Age Wave: Building Schools with Senior Citizens in Mind*
- *Creating Schools and Strengthening Communities through Adaptive Reuse*
- *Smaller, Safer, Saner Successful Schools (pp. 15-21 and case studies)*

We congratulate you for your foresight in championing this bill.

Sincerely,

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Director